

IMPROVED TYPE OF WEED KILLER

The discovery of what is claimed to be a harmless new weed killer is announced by Plant Protection Ltd., a subsidiary of I.C.I.

It will be available to farmers and commercial growers throughout the world for pasture renovation and improvement and for the general control of grasses and weeds in crops and water.

The weed killer, the firm states, is rapidly absorbed by plant growth above ground, which is quickly killed. It is carried down to the roots, and while regrowth may occur in some perennial plants with large root formations, a single application is effective in controlling a wide range of grass and other weeds. Rain falling immediately after application does not reduce the chemicals effectiveness.

On contact with the soil it is immediately and completely inactivated. There are thus no residues to harm the crop. Used as directed there is no hazard to human beings, livestock, wild life, or fish, the firm claims. The weed killer, paraquat, will be sold under the name Gramoxone.

"There are millions of acres of poor permanent pasture which either cannot be ploughed or where ploughing is difficult", a spokesman for the firm said.

"Gramoxone can be used at the rate of a gallon an acre to kill the existing sward. New and improved strains of grass can then be sown."

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